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Mr. Dwight E. Dyer
Staff Member
Committee on Appropriation
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Dyer:

On behalf of Mr. Casey I wish to apologize for any misunderstanding, inconvenience, or disruption caused by our 20 January 1983 letter requesting Committee approval of the [redacted] action. It was not our intention to place the Committee in the position of making a hurried decision on the request. (U)

While not totally excusable, many factors contributed to the apparent tardiness of our formal notification, not the least of which was the timing of completed congressional action on the FY 1983 budget request and our initial confusion on the status of the NFIP as a result of the continuing resolution. Once it was determined that congressional action was, in fact, final for FY 1983, the impact upon the proposed [redacted] candidates had to be reassessed since they were adjusted by this final congressional action. The reassessment was slowed by the intervening holiday season and the diversion of our attention to the extensive final actions and adjustments to the President's FY 1984 Budget proposal. Once the final assessment was submitted, the necessary internal documentation was prepared and reviewed, resulting in Mr. Casey's 20 January 1983 letter to the appropriate Congressional Committees. (U)

At no time did we intend to force the Committees into an unreasonable position, although that may have been the case in this instance. As you know, we have been attempting to alert the Committee Staffs to impending actions, such as reprogrammings through briefings and pre-clearance requests. Perhaps we were unduly complacent in this case because of our extensive interaction with staffs [redacted] in November. I assure you that we will continue to make every effort to preclude surprises and avoid unrealistic deadlines in the future. (U)

Sincerely,

Chief, Program and Budget Staff

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